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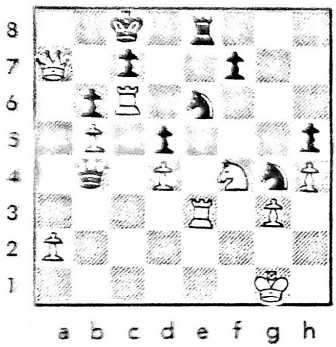

NOV.-DEC.
1987

J. Gagner/M. Menzie
1987 F-M Open
Moorhead, MN

TOURNAMENT CIRCUIT

Nov. 4-5 10th Bismarck Open

[illegible] Inn, Bismarck, ND

[illegible] 10, 5 Rds., G/ 2 Rds.

[illegible] and NDCA memb. req.

(USCF memb. cost $0 for tournament or $30/year, Youth rates are $5 for tournament or $10/year. NDCA memb. cost $5/year or $3/year if under 19 years old.)

Cash prizes as per turnout. Trophy for 1st.

Dec. 5-6 N.D. Team Championships

Seven Seas Motor Inn, Bismarck, ND

MC, RR, Th: Nov 2, 2:1; EF: $10 per player; Reg.: 8:30-10:00 Sat.

Rounds and Prizes will be decided by popular vote of entrants, after entries are closed and the teams have been formed.

Open only to N.D. residents and/or students attending N.D. schools.

USCF and NDCA membership required - see Bismarck Open ad above for rates

Jan. 15-16 Bison Open - Fargo, ND
(Details in next issue.)

Mar.?????? Red River Open - Moorhead, MN

Apr. 9-10 1988 N.D. Scholastic Championships
Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND
(Further Details in Future Issue)

Apr. 23-24 1988 N.D. Closed
Ramada Inn, Bismarck, ND
(Further Details in Future Issue)

********** 1988 **********

MARCH	COYOTE CLASSIC	
APRIL	SIOUX FALLS OPEN	
MAY	WESTERN S D OPEN	
JUNE	TEAMS	PIERRE
JULY	CLOSED	SIOUX FALLS
SEPT	PROLETARIAN UPRISING	

(REPRINTED FROM MINNESOTA CHESS JOURNAL)

NOV 21-22 **25th ANNUAL MINNEAPOLIS OPEN**
** American Heritage--Grand Prix **
OPEN: Open to all; PZ(GTD): 1st $110+trophy, 2nd $80, 3rd $60, Exp $60+trophy, A-Unr $60, U1800 $50, Upset $25+trophy, also trophy to top U2000 or Unr.
AMATEUR: Open to U1800; PZ(GTD): 1st $110+trophy, 2nd $80, 3rd $60, C-Unr $60+trophy, D $60, U1200 $50, Upset $25+trophy, also trophy to top U1400.
BOTH SECTIONS: SSS; TL: 40/90, 15/30 (Rds 1-3), 45/120, 12/30 (Rds 4-5); EF $18, $15 under 19/over 55, $11 under 16/over 65, all if rec'd by 11/17: EF $25/$20/$15 at site. REG: 8:30-9:30, RDS 10-2:30-7:30, 10-3. SITE: Ukrainian American Ctr, 301 NE Main St., Mpls. Open Winner is Mpls. City Champion: Amateur winner is Mpls. Amateur Champ. Prizes raised if more than 110 (section prizes raised if more than 55/section). ADV ENT: MSCA, P.O. Box 75003, St. Paul, MN 55175. INFO: Ed Conway (612) 827-7688 or 227-6500 days. USCF & MSCA required. No Smoking. WC ** Mpls. Chess Ass'n Annual meeting at 6:30-7:30 Saturday, also MSCA info.

NOV 21 **MINNEAPOLIS NOVICE**
Open to unrated or rated under 1200. 5SS; EF $8, $5 if under 19; PZ: Trophies; USCF & MSCA memb to all scoring 3.5 or more. REG 8:30-9:30, RDS start at 10. SITE: Same as above. USCF & MSCA NOT REQ'D. No Smoking.

NOV 22 **MINNEAPOLIS OPEN SUNDAY TORNADO**
4SS; TL 30/60, 15/30, All/30; EF $12, $10 under 19/over 55, $8 under 16/over 65, all if rec'd by 11/17; EF $15/12/10 at site. PZ(b/12): 1st $40+trophy, 2nd $30, Class $30, Upset $25+trophy. PZ raised if more than 20. REG 8:30-9:30; RD 10-1-4-7. SITE, ADV ENT and INFO same as above. USCF & MSCA req'd. NS

RECENT NEWS

Mike Torres and Nels Truelson tied for first in the Trans-Mississippi Open, held July 18-19 in Minneapolis. Twenty-two people participated. Chuck Blackledge won the Trans-Mississippi Novice.

Tim Radermacher won the 25th Annual Aqua Open, held July 25-26. Matt Kelly placed first in the Amateur Section. There were 40 participants in the Open, and 32 in the Amateur. Hoo-Hua Liu and Robert Spivey tied for first in the Aqua Novice. Peter Mikiel and Ed Conway tied for first in the Aqua Tornado.

From USCF....

1986 U.S. Champion GM Yasser Seirawan has captured a berth in the upcoming World Championship Candidates' matches by finishing second in a field of 17 in the Interzonal Tournament in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, Aug 1-28. Seirawan scored 10 of 16, leaving him behind only Korchnoi, who scored 11. Also qualifying for the Candidates matches, as a result of this and two other Interzonals, are Jan Ehlvest and Valery Salov of the USSR, Nigel Short and Jonathan Speelman of England, Gyula Sax of Hungary and Johann Hjartarson of Iceland. John Nunn of England and Lajos Portisch of Hungary will hold a playoff for the remaining spot.

Very Interesting--Pt. 2

I also played the A.D. versus Lalbyne...

Blackline's Defense--Exchange Var.,
Dallas Lalbyne optional Black's 6, Lalbyne (score "0")

1. e4 N-f6 2. e5 N-d5 3. c4(see what I mean! Maybe he wants to play the Two Pawns var...). N-b6 4. c4 c6 5. exc6(the exchange var...Lalbyne and I have discussed it before. At Minot Massacre#3 the move order followed this game till the 6th turn; 6. b×c3 ×c6 7. e3?! b-g4 8. b-e2...) ...cxd6 (if a draw is fully satisfying play 5...dxc6) 6. N-c3(deciding not to repeat the Mr game,...)..c6 7. B-e3 B-g7 8. B-c3 (White can play b3 to keep the black QB off g4, but the text move does it by developing...) ..N-c6 9. N/g-e2 0-0 10. a3 (?!-a'new' move here,possibly La.byne suffers from the urge to 'experiment' too!)..e5 11. b3 (more satisfactory would have been 11. e5 N-e4 12. Bxc4 dxc4 13. 0-0!...Said "A"--Say "B")..dxc4 12. Bxc4 (since 12. bxc4 loses the d-pawn)..B-f5!? 13. 0-0 N-a5 14. B-b5 a6 15. B-a4 B-c8 (White has been at some pains to place this Bishop...I didn't say I wanted to trade a valuable Knight for it!) 16. Q-c2? Nxa4!(how I do!) 17. bxa4 N-b3 18. Q-b2 Nxa1 19. Rxa1 Q-d7 20. a5(I may have won the"ox" but there is a lot of play left..) R-c8 21. R-d1 R/f-c8 22. b4(?!- I thought that N-b4!& N-b6 was more 'interesting'...)..B-c4 23. B-d2 Q-c6 24. a4 ..Rxc3!(of course, the only thing nicer than being the exchange up is to be a piece up.) and 0-1 in 31.

Note: The Mr#3 game went 8...0-0 (?!) 9. h3 N/b-d7 10. N-f3 N-f6 11. N-c3 B-f5 with complete equality. So what would have happened with a repeat? I had ready 8...Bxd4! 9. Qxd4 0-0 10. N-c3 e5! then if 11. Q-d2 ..f5! and Black has a fine game.

REF: For two of Mike Sailer's efforts with the Exchange Var. versus A.D.(very interesting!) see Newsletter May-June 1987.

(REPRINTED FROM THE SDCA BULLETIN)

NORQUIST'S NOTES

Here is an example of the idea that the Petroff's Defense may be a winning strategy for Black.

K Bezpaletz vs S Norquist
1986 SD Teams, Rd 1

1.	e4	e5
2.	Nf3	Nxe4
3.	Nxe5	d6
4.	Nf3	Nxe4
5.	d4	d5
6.	Bd3	Nc6
7.	Bf4	Bg4
8.	c3	Bd6
9.	Bxd6	Qxd6

By now we're out of the book, and Black's game is fine.

10.	0-0	0-0
11.	Re1	Rae8
12.	Re3	Re6
13.	h3	Bh5
14.	Nbd2	Rfe8
15.	g4 ?	Nxf2

Since 16. Kxf2, Rxe3 loses at least the exchange, Whites's immediate resignation would have been perfectly understandable.

16.	Rxe6	Qg3+
17.	Kf1	Rxe6

18. Resigns

After White saves the Queen, Black can play for mate with 18. ..., Nh8 or chow down with 18. ..., Nxd3, among other wins.

The 1987 Postals... Very Interesting!

Budapest Defense

White: M. Sprague Black: Ron Schauer (GAME "A")

1. d4 N-f6 2. c4 e5!? (sure now, in one of his annotated games J. Trigg gave this move a ?!...but I feel that Black gets roughly equal chances...) 3. dxe5 N-g4 4.N-f3 N-c6 (?!...playable, as in black may play this and live, but 4...B-c5 is sharper tactically as it forces 5.e3.) 5. B-g5! B-e7 6. Bxe7 Qxe7 7. N-c3 (Now White doesn't have to worry about playing e3 or a3...)...N/gxe5 (I thought 7...N/cxe5 a hair better, then 8. N-d5 Q-c5 9. e3 Nxf3+ and now 10. gxf3 or 10. Qxf3 (?) but hadn't considered 10. gxf3! N-e5 11. f4 N-g6 12. b4! Q-c6 13. Q-d4 +-. So perhaps an immediate 7...Q-c5 then... 8.e3 N/gxe5 and either 9. N-d5 0-0 10. Q-d2 (?)or 9. Q-d5 Q-e7 10. Q-d2 d6 11. N-d5...) 8. N-d5! (the alt.8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9. N-d5 Q-c5 10. e4 d6 11. B-e2 B-d6 12. 0-0 is not as good as.) 8...Nxf3+ 9. gxf3 Q-d8 (there is no alt.! 9...Q-c5? 10. Nxc7+ or 9...Q-d6 10.Q-d2! & 11.c5! +-) 10. R-g1 ("with an obvious plus"...)..0-0 (?!!..very brave, very bad is 10...g6? 11. Q-d2 d6 12. Q-f4!+- and 10.... R-g8 is little better.) 11. Q-d2 Q-h4? ("complications from an inferior position are not better than some development" 11. ...d6 or N-e7 had to be tried.) 12. Nxc7 Qxh2 13. Q-g5! Q-e5(13...g6 14. Nxa8 Q-b8 15. Q-h6!+-) 14. Qxe5 Nxe5 15. Nxa8 B-e8 16. 0-0-0! (Having safely 'eaten' a piece there is no real need to go in for complications by 16. N-c7 Nxf3+ 17. K-d1 Nxg1 18. Nxe8...) anyway Black played on till the 24th turn...1-0.

REF: See Newsletter, Sept.-Oct 1984 for Sprague-Schauer (Pawn Wars v1)at Bismark)..which went 0-1 in 32.

Also good reading is Newsletter, May-June 1985 UNDER "Theoretical Discussion" (regarding Budapest -Alekhine's Var.)

For Trigg's comment & game see Newsletter-May/June '87.

Budapest Defense--Knight's Variation

White: M. Sprague Black: John Metsch (GAME "A")

1. d4 N-f6 2. c4 e5!? 3. dxe5 N-g4 (3...N-e4?! then 4.a3!) 4. N-f3 (a quiet system... it is no less strong than 4. e4 or 4. B-f4#)...B-c4 (!) 5. e3 N-c6 6. a3 a5 ('If' ignored...6...0-0? 7. b4! & 8. B-b2 and black can start to think about where he wishes to be buried...) 7. N-c3 N/gxe5 (Black had better be precise...7...N/cxe5? 8. a3! Nxf3+ 9. Qxf3 N-e5 10 Q-g3 w/ adv. as black must play ...N-g6 and Wt's Queen is not missplaced!) 8. b3 0-0 9. B-b2 Nxf3+? ("Aged experience and ~~treachery~~ out-strip callow youth every time!"--we have all went through a stage where we didn't want to 'ruin' our pawn formation by doubling pawns...only to realize later that the open lines thus gained sometimes outstrip all other considerations...actually White has been preparing to castle Queen's side and 10. Qxf3 & 11. Q-g3 is not bad but...) 10. gxf3! Q-h4 (with somewhat more justification, Black may as well go all out, and maybe White will go for

TREATY SIGNED AT LITTLE-BIG PAWN!!!

A peace treaty was signed in the evening hours of Saturday, October 17th, bringing to a conclusion the 1987 PAWN WARS series. Efforts to find a site in November for a fifth battle for the year failed, and thus the trophy and the coveted title of Commander-in Chief were awarded for the second year in a row to Mandan's Jerry Triggs. Triggs overcame a 1½ point deficit in the final event with a 2½ point performance, to overtake 1985 Commander-in-Chief Rick Case, who was unable to make it to the fourth and final event. Congratulations to Jerry Triggs!!! Better luck next year, Rick.

Competition was par-for-the-course, with John Leitel upsetting Triggs with a draw in the 2nd round and giving up a draw to Mike Sailer in the 3rd round. Sailer, in turn, was held to a draw in the 2nd round by Leonard Crouse. The turnout for this years series was not to good with only 6 players showing up for the finale, and only 14 players participating throughout the course of the series. However, perhaps next year we will see a return to the turnouts of the previous 2 years.

Special mention in this years PAWN WARS goes out to the following players: John Stanfield and Dave Lindseth, who both scored 100%, in the appearances they were able to make; to Stanfield, Dave Lindseth, Jerry Triggs, Rick Case, and Mike Sailer, who were the individual event champions and co-champions in this years series; and last and least, to myself as the only player to play in all four events. Of course, I had to be there, and just got lucky that the numbers worked out right so I could play each time. I was luckier still in scoring 4 points total...Thank you, Silvano!!! I know that sooner or later, Silvano Bentzel is going to skin me alive on the board. So please forgive me for enjoying what success I have had. It might not last for long!!! Especially with the level of competition that you can expect when the flags are raised and the gauntlet is cast for another episode of the continuing saga of PAWN WARS!!! CHARGE!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Joseph Gagner,
Field Marshal

P.S. Another special Thanks to Jerry Triggs, who gets the credit for having founded the PAWN WARS series.

P.P.S. A very special THANKS to the Bismarck Elk's Club for their generous donation of space in which to hold the PAWN WARS series. Their help has been invaluable for two years running, now, and it is greatly appreciated!!!!

PAWN WARS 87-4
October 17, 1987
Elk's Club, Bismarck, ND
TD: Joseph Gagner

NAME	RATING	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Tot.
01 Triggs, Jerry	2023	W-4	D-2	W-5	2½
02 Leitel, John	1860	W-5	D-1	D-3	2
03 Sailer, Mike	1757	W-6	D-4	D-2	2
04 Crouse, Leonard	1574	L-1	D-3	W-6	1½
05 Gagner, Joseph	1507	L-2	W-6	L-1	1
06 Sailer, Dale	1421	L-3	L-5	L-4	0

PRIZE PAYOUT
1st - Jerry Triggs — $12.00
2nd - John Leitel and Mike Sailer — $2.75 ea.

Trophy to Overall Winner of Series -
Jerry Triggs, 1987 PAWN WARS Commander-in-Chief

PAWN WARS—Final Standings

Pos.	Player	Eds.	Pts.
01	Triggs, Jerry	9	6½
02	Case, Rick	9	5½
03	Sailer, Mike	6	4½
04	Crouse, Leonard	9	4
	Gagner, Joseph	12	4
06	Leitel, John	6	3½
07	Stanfield, John	3	3
	Lindseth, Dave	3	3
09	Wenberg, Neil	3	2
	Bentzel, Silvano	9	2
11	Sprague, Mike	3	1½
12	Kriedeman, Rex	3	1
	Sailer, Dale	6	1
14	Lindseth, Chris	3	½

A FEW THOUGHTS ABOUT N. D. OPEN XXIII HONORING POPEL

Thanks to the generosity of NDCA, S. A. Popel and F-M Chess the North Dakota Open was up over 25% from last year's turnout. No masters graced our tournament this time, but seven experts entered, and we were able to award checks and books worth $745 to the winners.

Many of the top-rated players got nicked in the early going. After three rounds Jeff Dahl of St. Cloud had the only perfect score, but a draw with Heimarck, a loss to Turmo, and a draw with Sorenson took him down to a tie for fourth place.

Experts Jon Heimarck, Steve Turmo, and Knute Sorenson tied for first place with 4½.

Half a point back were the prize-winning experts (Dahl, Jerry Triggs and Ekrem Gozum), A players (Ron Schauer, Rick Case and John Stanfield), and B players (Cal Wipf and Mike Sailer).

Brian Perry won the top C and also top upset- prize (He beat Stanfield in r. 1. Although there were other upsets in the tournament like Wipf's win over Ramli, Perry won it by a few points.) Second C went to Orhan Erdem. Newcomers Bi Hoyum and Roger Hallquist of Fargo took the D-Un prizes.

At the drawing for books purchased from the Popel collection, Sailer, Perry and Konrad Sobkowicz were the lucky ones.

A few things were less than ideal-- the power failure in the Union Friday night, the smoking policy imposed by the ND legislature, even though the announcement, submitted before that law took effect, clearly said LS, and the 11 p.m. curfew in the Union, and the Union's scheduling of other meetings in the Crest and State Rooms while the tournament was still in progress. Some also complained about the last round not starting till three o'clock.

A partial solution to those problems may be to move the playing site and shorten the tournament.

3rd KALAKA OPEN
September 26-27, 1987
Stonewood Inn, Mandan, ND
TD: Joseph Gagner

	Player	From	Rating	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Tot.
01	Triggs, Jerry	Mandan, ND	2023	D-5	L-4	W-7	D-2	W-8	3
02	Schauer, Ron	Jamestown, ND	1928	W-6	D-3	W-4	D-1	D-5	3½
03	Case, Rick	Minot, ND	1861	W-7	D-2	W-5	D-4	D-6	3½
04	Herr, Richard	Wishek, ND	1837	W-8	W-1	L-2	D-3	W-7	3½
05	Sailer, Mike	Bismarck, ND	1764	D-1	W-6	L-3	W-8	D-2	3
06	Crouse, Leonard	Kenmare, ND	1581	L-2	L-5	W-8	D-7	D-3	2
07	Gagner, Joseph	Bismarck, ND	1494	L-3	W-8	L-1	D-6	L-4	1½
08	Bentzel, Silvano	Minot, ND	1306	L-4	L-7	L-6	L-5	L-1	0

PRIZE PAYOUT

1st place: Ron Schauer, Richard Herr, Rick Case - $21.00 ea.
(Split of combined 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes.)

Under 1700 - 1st place: Leonard Crouse - $20.00

23rd NORTH DAKOTA OPEN - HONORING POPEL
October 9-11, 1987, NDSU, Fargo, ND
TD: Sommer Sorenson

	PLAYER	RATING	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Rd.5	Rd.6	Tot.
1	Heimarck, Jon	2124	W-15	D-11	W-8	D-6	W-10	D-3	4½
2	Ramli, Asnawi	2113	W-16	D-10	D-21	L-12	W-13	L-15	3
3	Turmo Stephen	2073	D-17	W-20	D-11	W-7	W-6	D-1	4½
4	Triggs, Jerry	2048	W-18	L-12	L-10	W-25	W-21	W-26	4
5	Sorenson, Knute	2029	W-19	W-13	D-7	D-10	W-11	D-6	4½
6	Dahl, Jeffrey	2026	W-22	W-14	W-12	D-1	L-3	D-5	4
7	Gozom, Ekrem	2008	W-24	W-26	D-5	L-3	W-14	D-12	4
8	LaRoche, Marty	1977	½bye	W-23	L-1	D-13	L-22	W-24	3
9	Stanfield, John	1943	L-26	W-31	W-18	D-16	D-15	W-17	4
10	Silas, Jeff	1940	W-27	D-2	W-4	D-5	L-1	L-16	3
11	Schauer, Ron	1928	W-28	D-1	D-3	W-21	L-5	W-18	4
12	Case, Rick	1873	W-29	W-4	L-6	W-2	D-16	D-7	4
13	Herr, Richard	1837	W-32	L-5	W-17	D-8	L-2	W-22	3½
14	Starr, Cameron	1807	W-33	L-6	W-19	½bye	L-7	W-20	3½
15	Wipf, Calvin	1774	L-1	W-28	W-25	½bye	D-9	W-2	4
16	Sailer, Mike	1754	L-2	W-24	W-26	D-9	D-12	W-10	4
17	Lubka, Reuben	1747	D-3	D-25	L-13	W-24	W-23	L-9	3
18	Fauske, Gerald	1735	L-4	W-29	L-9	W-33	W-20	L-11	3
19	Menzie, Mark	1733	L-5	W-32	L-14	L-26	W-29	L-21	2
20	Mathews, Arnold	1681	½bye	L-3	W-31	W-23	L-18	L-14	2½
21	Lemler, William	1698	½bye	W-30	D-2	L-11	L-4	W-19	3
22	Sobkowicz, Konrad	1606	L-6	L-33	W-30	W-29	W-8	L-13	3
23	Erdem, Orhan	1592	½bye	L-8	W-33	L-20	L-17	W-32	2½
24	Crouse, Leonard	1576	L-7	L-16	W-32	L-17	W-25	L-8	2
25	Morris, Gerry	1531	½bye	D-17	L-15	L-4	L-24	L-28	1
26	Perry, Brian	1517	W-9	L-7	L-16	W-19	W-31	L-4	3
27	Gagner, Joseph	1507	L-10	----	----	----	½bye	WD---	½
28	Steeves, David	1342	L-11	L-15	L-29	L-32	L-34	W-25	1
29	Noehre, Patrick	1284	L-12	L-18	W-28	L-22	L-19	L-34	1
30	Isaacson, Jason	1268	½bye	L-21	L-22	L-31	L-32	WD---	½
31	Kindrick, Mark	UNR	½bye	L-9	L-20	W-30	L-26	L-33	1½
32	Hallquist, Roger	NEW	L-13	L-19	L-24	W-28	W-30	L-23	2
33	Hoyem, Ed	NEW	L-14	W-22	L-23	L-18	½bye	W-31	2½
34	Caskey, Glen T.	1739	----	----	----	----	W-28	W-29	2

SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS!!!

The F-M Chess Council acknowledges with thanks, the generous contribution of $200 to the ND Open prize fund by the North Dakota Chess Association. 15 of the 34 participating players received prizes, not counting the door prizes. The amounts of the cash prizes awarded, ranged from $12 up to $117. Not Bad!

1987 AQUATENNIAL OPEN

WHITE:HEMPEL 2132
BLACK:SAILER 1764

1.	d4	Nf6
2.	c4	e6
3.	Nf3	d5
4.	Nc3	Be7
5.	Bg5	h6
6.	Bh4	0-0
7.	e3	c5
8.	dc	Bc5
9.	Qc2	Be7
10.	0-0-0	Qa5
11.	Kb1	Rd8
12.	Bd3	Nc6
13.	h3	dc
14.	Bc4	Bd7
15.	g4	Nb4
16.	Qb3	Bc6
17.	Be2	Rac8
18.	Rhg1	Nbd5
19.	g5	Nc3+
20.	bc3	hg
21.	Rg5	Be4+
22.	Kb2	Nd5
23.	Rg4	Rc3
24.	Qb5	Qa3+
25.	Ka1	Rc1+

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WHITE:BOEDER 1861
BLACK:SAILER 1764

1.	e4	c6
2.	d4	d5
3.	ed	cd
4.	c4	Nf6
5.	NC3	g6
6.	Nf3	Bg7
7.	c5	Nc6
8.	Be2	0-0
9.	0-0	Bf5
10.	a3	a5
11.	Na4	Qc7
12.	Re1	Be4
13.	b3	Ng4
14.	h3	Bf3
15.	Bf3	Qh2+
16.	Kf1	Nd4

0-1

A Heckuva Tournament!

The F-N Open was announced in Chess Life, N.K.'a News and N.N. It attracted sixteen. That sounds about right. One was from Burley WA; three were from Minnesota--Henning, Clitherall, and International Falls, but not Moorhead, interestingly. The rest were North Dakotans, thank goodness, who fittingly won most of the prizes.

It was a tournament for some of the underdogs. Upsets abounded, and inevitably some of the pre-tournament favorites took their lumps. The first round went quite predictably, but we got a hint of what was to come when Stueve got Herr in a perpetual check and Buerkle sank Sailer.

In round 2 Herr defeated Turmo, who hadn't played in round one, and Menzie dumped Ramli unceremoniously. Both games are worthy of publication.

On Saturday night Buerkle drew Crouse and Menzie drew Walther, while Hanson beat Sobkowicz and Herr rammed Ramli. That was too much for Ramli; he dropped out without notifying the director. (Some of you will recall my remarks about Ramli, unknown strength of unrated players, and upsets in the March-April issue of this publication.)

Upsets had become so commonplace by round 4 that nobody batted an eye when Gagner beat Sobkowicz and Lubka drew Walther. Pat Noehre had a win in hand against Stueve, but then blundered badly and lost.

By the last round most of the upsets were over, but Herr topped off an over-all fine tournament by upending Walther and thus won the tournament by a full point. At the other end of the tournament Noehre snapped his losing streak by beating Jason Isaacson. Menzie's win over Gagner was not exactly an upset but was a jarring game. It ought to be published for the benefit of second-guessers who weren't there but would like to try to demonstrate a defense for Gagner that would give him time to checkmate Menzie.

It was a good tournament for Herr to win. He generally played very strong chess throughout the tourney. Menzie, Sailer, Lubka and Turmo tied for second. The C-D-E prize was split among Hanson, Buerkle and Stueve.

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Michael Sprague Wins '87 ND Postal Champ.

North Dakota gained another chess champion, as Michael Sprague of Minot claimed the state's postal chess event of 1987. Sprague easily gained top spot without a loss! A full report on the tournament will be in the next newsletter. In the meantime, here is a thumbnail sketch of the final standings. - LaMoyne Splichal, '87 ND Postal tmt. director.

	W	L	D	Total	
1. Michael Sprague, Minot..	6	0	2	7	Won $50, & trophy.
2. LaMoyne Splichal, Dickinson	3	1	4	5	2nd, won $35.
3. John Wetsch, Bismarck	4	3	1	4½	3rd, won $20.
4. Brent Askvig, Moscow, Idaho (formerly from Minot.)	2	3	3	3½	
5. Ron Schauer, Jamestown (withdrew after 4 months.)	0	8	0	0	

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The following games are sent to the NCCA Newsletter, courtesy of Brent Askvig, of Moscow Idaho. They are from the Eastern Washington Open, held Sept. 12-13, in Spokane. David K. Bragg, a master from Nebraska, won the USCF Grand Prix event.

Askvig (1817) - Bragg (2243) Closed Sicilian
1 Nf3 d6 2 e4 c5 3 g3 Nc6 4 Bg2 e5 5 d3 Bg4 6 c3 Be7 7 Nbd2 Qd7
8 Nc4 h6 9 Ne3 Bh5 10 Bd2 g5 11 Rb1 Bg6 12 b4 cb4 13 cb4 b5
14 0-0 Nf6 15 Nf5 Bf5 16 ef5 Rc8 17 Rc1 0-0 18 Re1 Kh7 19 Bg5 hg5
20 Ng5+ Kg7 21 h4 Nd4 22 Rc8 Qc8 23 Kf1 Qc2 24 Qc2 Nc2 25 Rc1 Rc8
26 Kg1 Rc7 27 Be4 d5 28 Bg2 Bb4 29 Nf3 Bd6 30 Rd1 Nb4 31 Rd2 Rc1+
32 Bf1 e4 33 de4 Ne4 34 Re2 a6 35 Re1 Re1 36 Ne1 Bc5 37 Kg2 Bf2
38 Nd3 Nd3 39 Bd3 Be1 0-1. Time forfeit.

Askvig (1817) - Merlin Bugtong, Wash. (1829) Pirc Defense
1 Nf3 d6 2 e4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 d4 Bg7 5 Bc4 0-0 6 0-0 Nc6 7 h3 e5
8 de5 Ne5 9 Ne5 de5 10 Bg5 c6 11 Qe2 Qe7 12 Rad1 h6 13 Bc1 Be6
14 a4 Rfd8 15 b3 Rd4 16 Be3 Bc4 17 bc4 Rd7 18 Rd7 Nd7 19 Rd1 Nf8
20 Rb1 Ne6 21 a5 Nd4 22 Qd2 Rd8 23 Qc1 Kh7 24 Kf1 Rd7 25 Ne2 Bf8
26 c3 Ne2 27 Ke2 Qd6 28 Qc2 Qc7 29 Ra1 b6 30 ab6 ab6 31 Ra6 b5
32 cb5 cb5 33 Qb3 Qb7 34 Ra7 Qc6 35 Rd7 Qd7 36 Qd5 Qd5 37 ed5 f5
38 Bb6 Bd6 39 Kd3 Kg7 40 f3 Kf7 41 c4 bc4 42 Kc4 Ke7 43 Be3 g5
44 Bb6 Kd7 45 Be3 Be7 46 Bf2 Bf6 47 Bc5 h5 48 Bb4 g4 49 hg4 hg4
50 fg4 fg4 51 Kd3 Be7 52 Be7 Ke7 53 Ke4 Kf6 54 g3 Ke7 55 Ke5 Kd7
56 d6 Kd8 57 Kd5 Kd7 58 Ke5 Ke8 59 Ke6 Kd8 60 d7 1-0.

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12485800	1	HAMLI,ASNAWI	ND	2134	2152	W12	W-6	W-5	3.0
11136940	2	RADERMACHER,TIMOT	MN	2342	2321	W13	L-8	W14	2.0
11478212	3	DAHL,JEFFREY J	MN	2060	2050	W16	W-9	L4	2.0
10321859	4	FICSOR,LASZLO G	MN	2050	2071	W14	W10	W3	3.0
10326834	5	SORENSON,KNUTE	MN	2029	2029	W11	W-7	L-1	2.0
12259240	6	SJERVEN,DONALD E	MN	1958	1964	W15	L-1	W-8	2.0
1[illegible]0496	7	GOEBEL,KENNETH D	MN	1863	1864	W18	L-5	W13	2.0
10319005	8	CONWAY,EDWARD J	MN	1851	1871	W17	W-2	L-6	2.0
12451516	9	SAILER,MIKE	ND	1776	1780	W19	L-3	W15	2.0
12459584	10	LUBKA,REUBEN N	ND	1695	1714	W20	L-4	W12	2.0
10327881	11	BAYLEY,ARTHUR W	MN	1589	1593	L-5	W19	W18	2.0
10320291	12	KUHNS,DAVID L	MN	1812	1788	L-1	W18	L10	1.0
12462503	13	MENZIE,MARK A	ND	1685	1684	L-2	W16	L-7	1.0
12178770	14	STORKAMP,DANIEL R	MN	1599	1599	L-4	W17	L-2	1.0
11410731	15	ERDEM,ORHAN	ND	1592	1582	L-6	W20	L-9	1.0
12312200	16	GAGNER,JOSEPH J	ND	1494	1487	L-3	L13	W19	1.0
12452882	17	RASMUSSEN,DANWOOD	MN	1203	1211	L-8	L14	W20	1.0
12490096	18	LANTSBERGER,KYRO	SD	1252/8	1280	L-7	L12	L11	.0
12465069	19	HERSRUD,RUSS J	ND	1003/6	1076	L-9	L11	L16	.0
12495273	20	MATHESON,JOHN A	MN	0	1047	L10	L15	L17	.0

TIED PLAYERS ARE LISTED IN ORDER OF PRE-TOURNAMENT RATINGS
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Thank You! Let's Play CHESS!

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Halloween is upon us and the holidays are nearing, and time again for another issue of your favorite periodical!!! Much has happened in the last two months, but I would like to focus if I may on a few thoughts that have arisen as a result of my last editorial. To those who may not recall, I got a little overblown and windy on the subject of NDCA finances, etc. In the time since, a meeting was held between Ron Schauer and myself, and we discussed several possibilities put forth by each of us and as well by LaMoyne Splichal. After several discussions, in person, by phone, and by letter, it was arrived at the consensus that additional funds have to be raised in some manner. And it was agreed to bring before the electorate in the spring, a proposal to set a mandatory tourney tax to be collected from all rated tournies within the boundaries of North Dakota. Said tax would not be charged as an extra cost to the participants in these tournies but would instead come out of the entry fee and would thus decrease the available funds for prizes. The amount of the tax was also discussed and various rates were proposed, but it was agreed upon that the rate of proposal to be submitted at the N.D. Closed would be either 15% or 20%. In the mean time, it was decided that directors could charge such a tax at any tournies in the interim but it could only be charged if the issue was put before all the participants in such a given tourney and only then if the participants voted unanimously to accept the tax at this time from that tournament. As a test case I tried this approach at both the KALAKA Open and again at PAWN WARS 87-4. In both instances, I proposed a 10% tax and it was approved unanimously. The result is a few extra dollars in the treasuey and hopefully more to come in the future.

A 2nd item of discussion was the cost of putting out the newsletter. It has been tentatively agreed that there will be no more issuing of complimentary copies of the NDCA NEWS until the treasury is on a more stable footing. Furthermore, Ron Schauer has offered to donate the paper and use of xerox facilities available at his office. this will result in some additional delays in getting the newsletter out but it is hoped the delays can be eliminated by an earlier start on production of the master copy. And whatever the case, this will save approximately $15 per issue in cost. Thirdly, it has been discussed with some of the electorate and it has been agreed to go to a quarterly issue of the newsletter instead of a bi-monthly issue. That will mean a change to 4 issues per year instead of 6. This last will become effective on the 1st of January, 1988, and thus, at least for the time being, this is the last bi-monthly issue of the NDCA NEWS. Beginning with the next issue, the NDCA NEWS will be scheduled out on January 5, April 5, July 5, and October 5. This makes it very important that all submissions for publication be in by the 20th of the preceding month, and that they all be typed by the submitter before being submitted. If these requisites are not met, material will either not be in the appropriate issue, or the deadline for submission will have to be moved up to the 15th of the previous month. All told, the changes in the handling of the newsletter should result in savings of $60 to $80 per year in postage costs, not allowing for temporary decrease due to the limitation on comp copies.

I guess that is all for now. I hope you will give us as much cooperation and assistance as possible. Afterall, that is what is necessary if we are to continue to have a strong and financially healthy NDCA...Do your part in whatever way possible. GIVE CHESS A BOOST!!

Joseph Gagner,
Editor, NDCA NEWS
President-Elect, NDCA

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* Chess Board for sale, made of onyx. Weighs 30lbs., but feels like more! It measures 25½ by 25½ inches, inlaid board is 14" by 14", with 1 9/16" squares. Contact C. Berger, address below, who is collecting for Mr. Bruce Kilwein. ASKING $50.

NORTH DAKOTA CHESS HALL OF FAME

Stephan A. Popel 1983	Olev Kraav 1987	Abe M. Thompson 1987

PRESIDENTS COMMENTS:

It is time to thank Joe for his work in the Newsletter. Any of us who have done it have found it was rewarding but difficult. If you did not read his editorial in the last newsletter please do so. NDCA funds are always a problem and with declining membership it will continue to be one. Therefore the following purposals will be put before the membership at the closed. First after discussing the matter with Joe and LaMoyne I will opt for a 15% tax on all entry fees on tournaments held within the state borders. I will offer a player sponsorship program for annual sponsorship. I will request donations of books, sets, and other chess objects which can be sold to benefit chess in North Dakota. I will suggest simuls for promotion of chess and possible funds and I knov that Joe has a few ideas of his own that don't sound bad either.

Now there are a list of a number of upcoming events at which I hope to be business and personal matters considered. And, I hope to hear from some of you. Coonsidering hov little we have supported chess the past year I am surprised at the number of tournaments but I asure you that without support they will decline.

RON

SURVEY RESULTS:

Here is the results of the survey in regard to holding chess tournaments:

Location was first with 37.5% indicating it as their first choice and 37.5% as their second choice and 25% as their third choice.

Dates and Times was second with 37.5% indicating it as their first choice, only 12.5% as their second and 50% as their third.

A Persons time availability was third with 25% stating it was their first choice 25% as their secpmd amd 37.5% as thier third.

Next was Entry Fee, followed by Prizes, prestige and last was trophies. Location, Dates and Times and Time available were the only ones who drew first place votes. Therefore, keep those in mind and forget about trophies, prestige and it appears that big prize money will not draw players either. However I would like to try BIG BIG money some day.

RONALD R. SCHAUER

22nd F-M Open

Moorhead MN
9/12-13/87
TD: Sorenson

name	rtg	r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	tot	Solk
1. Richard Herr	1837	=8	+5	+14	+2	+6	4½	
2. Mark Menzie	1685	+13	+14	=6	-1	+10	3½	12½
3. Mike Sailer	1776	-7	+8	+10	+9	=4	3½	12
4. Reuben Lubka	1695	+9	+7	½bye	=6	=3	3½	11
5. Steve Turmo	2061	½bye	-1	+8	+11	+7	3½	10½
6. Randy Walther	1999	+10	+15	=2	=4	-1	3	
7. Roger Buerkle	1448	+3	-4	=11	wf14	-5	2½	14½
8. Richard Stueve	1450	=1	-3	-5	+5	Bye	2½	13 8½
9. Gordon Hanson	1326	-4	+16	+15	-3	=11	2½	13 8
10. Joseph Gagner	1494	-6	+12	-3	+15	-2	2	13
11. Leonard Crouse	1561	-14	+13	=7	-5	=9	2	10½
12. Pat Noehre	1287	-15	-10	Bye	-8	+13	2	6½
13. Jason Isaacson	1290	-2	-11	½bye	wf16	-12	1½	
14. Asnawi Ramli	2110	+11	-2	-1	lf7		1	10
15. Konrad Sobkowicz	1606	+12	-6	-9	-10	WD	1	9
16. Joel Brodshaug	1054	--	-9	½bye	lf13		½	

Here's a game to give heart to the legions of ordinary class B players out there. After three rounds the F-M Open the tournament's top two rated experts had combined for a 2 1/2-3 1/2 score. This is an example of how it happened from round 2. Notes in italics.

F-M Open XXII
M. Menzie 1685-A. Ramli 2110
1.P-K4 P-K4,2.N-KB3 N-QB3,3.B-N5 N-Q5,4.NxN PxN,5.O-O B-B4,6.P-QB3 P-QB3,7.B-Q3 N-B3,8.PxP BxP,9.N-B3 O-O,10.N-K2 B-N3,11.B-B2 P-Q4, 12.P-K5 N-N5,13.P-Q4 P-QB4? *...Q-R5 gives white problems.* 14.P-KR3 N-R3,15.BxN PxB,16.Q-Q3 P-B4 *ouch!!* 17.PxQBP BxP, 18.N-B4 R-B2, 19.QR-K1 Q-N4,20.P-K6 R-N2,21.QxP Q-K2,22.QxBP P-N3, 23.N-Q5 Q-Q1, 24.N-B6+ K-R1, 25.N-R5 R-QB2,26.Q-K5 + K-N1,27.N-B6+ K-B1,28.NxP+ K-N1, 29.R-K4 R-KN2,30.N-B6+ K-R1,31.N-R5 B-B1,32.NxR BxN,33.P-K7 Q-K1,34.Q-Q5 B-Q2,35. R-Q1 B-QB3, 36.QxB QxQ,37.R-QB+ K-R2,38 R-QB4 dis + 1-0

(Submitted by Mark Menzie)

I SHOULD HAVE WON!!!

The following game is from the 22nd F-M Open, in Moorhead, MN., and occurred in the fifth round on board 4, 9/13/87. If you play the game out on a board, you will note that after black's 30th move, white still had a win but failed to see it and collapsed into ignominy.

(Gagner/Menzie) 1) c4 Nf6 2) Nc3 e6 3) g3 d5 4) cXd5 eXd5 5) d4 Bb4 6) Bd2 Nc6 7) e3 Bg4 8) f3 BXc3 9) BXc3 Bf5 10) Bg2 Qd7 11) Ne2 O-O-O 12) O-O h5 13) h4 Bh6 14) Nf4 BXg2 15) NXg2? Rde8 16) Qc2 Rhg8 17) Be1 g5 18) Kh2 g4 19) b4 gXf3 20) RXf3 Ng4+ 21)Kg1 Re4 22) b5 Nd8 23) Rc1 Rge8 24) Ba5 b6 25) BXb6! aXb6 26) Qa4 Qd6 27) Rc6 Qf8 28) Qa7 Ne6 29) Nf4 RXe3! 30) RXe3 Qb4!! 31) Rec3??? QXe4+ 32) Kh1 Qd1+ 33) Kg2 NXf4+ 34) gXf4 Re2+ 35) Kh3 Qh1+ 36) Kg3 Qg2-Mate.

To bad that on move 30, white did not pull his knight back to provide cover for his King to hide behind. 31) Rec3 was a hopeless effort that would have worked if it had been delayed by just one move.

Joseph Gagner

KALAKA OPEN DRAWS EIGHT PLAYERS

Only eight players turned out for the 3rd annual Kalaka Open, and with the tourney going 5 rounds, that made for a difficult task in making the last round pairings. Never-the-less, competition was strong (which made the pairings even more difficult). Excellent facilities at the Stonewood Inn in Mandan, made for excellent playing conditions for a "battle of FRIENDS."

And battle it was. With Jerry Triggs giving up two draws, and losing a barn burner after adjournment by way of flag fall, to Richard Herr. Herr who has been on a tear since the start of the F-M Open, earlier in September, was finally slowed down in the 3rd round of the Kalaka by Ron Schauer. However, Schauer gave up 3 draws and had to settle for a 3-way tie for 1st, with Herr and Rick Case. I wonder if this is an omen of things to come - Paul Viminitz of Canada was the sole winner in the 1st Kalaka, and last year Jerry Triggs shared the title with Stacy Hertz. The 3rd Kalaka has 3 Co-Champions. Does that mean that next year will be 4 co-champions???

Elsewhere, Mike Sailer, who had one of the draws against number one seed Triggs, got a 2nd draw against number 2 seed Ron Schauer and Leonard Crouse finally had to give yours truly a draw. All of these upset draws resulted in pairings that forced a match-up in the final round between Triggs, who at that point had a score of 2, and Silvano Bentzel, who had a score of 0. Bentzel played some good games in which some of his opponents benefited from luck, myself included. And who does he get in the last round? Sometimes, Silvano, There just aint no justice!!!

If you look to the cross-table of the Kalaka Open and as well to the cross-table of the N.D. Open, you will notice an interesting trend demonstrated by the clustering in the scores. In both tournaments, EVERYBODY gave up at least 1½ points to their opponents. Just another sign that many players in the tri-state area are coming of age and preparing to make an advancement in class. Such is the way things are when friends get together to contest the issues of the board.

Joseph Gagner,
Director

IT TAKES ALL KINDS

The following is admittedly not a very good example of poetry, but it says a lot that should be said about a true giant who deserves every tribute, great or small.

"Life is full of interrelations,
with people of all nations.
And as the sands of time pass,
the experience we amass
teaches us slowly, bit by bit,
there exist all sorts of wisdom and wit.
The most important words I have found
are it takes all kinds to make the world go 'round',
and thus never ending variety abound.

Yes, in this home of Life's celebration,
it takes all kinds to bring glory to God's creation.
It takes those who pass without note.
It takes those who justify only a footnote.
It takes those with contribution great or small
and those who treat life as one big ball.
But also there must be those who are truly great,
people who in every way rate
the memories of fame we celebrate.

We remember these above all the rest,
for they are truly the best.
They stir in our minds admiration;
Their triumphs bring ovation;
With a giving of self unchecked,
they are given overwhelming respect;
But most of all, they stir our hearts to swell
with a special feeling - even from those who know them not well.
Such a man is Stephan Popel!!!"

Joseph Gagner

Too radical, you say? ("It has always been six rounds and held in the States Room.") Not so. An article in Chess Life for 3/20/54 ("Steckel Takes No. Dakota Title") describes how the winner from Minot won the tourney 5-0(!) in Grand Forks. (For John Leitel's information it also says that ex-champions Gordon Anderson, Dr. Robert St. Clair, Louis Waag, and Stanley Johnson also vied for the championship, and that Reshevsky had a perfect score in the simul preceding the tourney.)

But you may well object that that is the North Dakota Closed. No, Dr. Richard Werth of Moorhead played in that tourney in the '40s and '50s. I'm surprised that none of you has interviewed him about it. Perhaps he knows of other non-North Dakotans who competed in them.

As I remember, the ND Opens I played in during the '60s were also five rounds. I think they were not six until Abe Thompson took the tournament big time in the '70s.

At that time, of course, with entries in excess of 100 sometimes, a six-round tourney was more justified than it is now, when the average size has been a scant thity-five since 1983.

But I know some players still consider the long tournament an article of faith. If you have some strong feelings about the North Dakota Open, Dr. Wipf, I, and the others in F-M Chess would be glad to consider them if you write to one of us.

One other point: Have you noticed how often the tourney comes to a turning point in the fifth round? (e.g. Popel's win over Truelson in 1986 and Turmo's win over Dahl in 1987.)

Over all, though, it was a darned good tournament this year with many well-played games and a real dogfight among the top players. We were not sure who would win the tourney until the last minute. I'm glad I came.

Somner Sorenson

FROM RONALD R. SCHAUER, PRESIDENT NDCA
TO: ALL NDCA MEMBERS, PAST AND PRESENT

THERE ARE SOME WHO DID NOT TAKE IN THE RECENT NORTH DAKOTA OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT IN FARGO IN HONOR OF STEPHEN POPEL. THERE WERE MANY "FLIMSY" "WORTHLESS" AND OTHER "LOUSY" EXCUSES. SOME TIME DOWN THE ROAD THESE PEOPLE WILL BE SORRY THAT THEY MISSED THIS FIRST EVENT IN HONOR OF MR. POPEL FOR I AM SURE IT WILL BE DONE MANY TIMES AND FOR MANY YEARS. THINK ABOUT YOUR SUPPORT FOR CHESS AND FOR YOUR CHESS COMRADES.

THE TOURNAMENT ITSELF WAS EXCELLENT. THE TOURNAMENT WAS WELL CONTESTED, THE TURN OUT WAS FAIR. LOOK FOR THE CROSS TABLE RESULTS ELSEWHERE IN THIS OR THE NEXT ISSUE.

I HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT STEPHEN A FEW YEARS BACK WHEN HE WAS THEN RECOVERING FROM HIS ACCIDENT. I WENT TO SEE HIM AT THE NURSING HOME WHERE HE STAYED. WE TALKED A LONG WHILE AND DISCUSSED MANY THINGS. AFTER I LEFT THAT DAY I WROTE A SHORT PIECE WHICH FOLLOWS:

BOARD ONE

THE OLD MAN SAT, HALF MEDICATED, HALF ALERT, HALF CARING.
WHITE HAD TAKEN OVER BEARD AND HAIR.
"YOU KNOW" HE SAID. "SOMETIMES I DON'T REMEMBER
WHEN I WAS BORN, AND SOMETIMES I DON'T CARE."
TIME HAD STOLE HIS BODY AND WAS CHIPPING AWAY AT HIS MIND:
PROVED BY HIS EYES NOW GLARING. THE BODY LOST IS NOT SO BAD
BUT THE SADNESS IS THE BRILLIANT MIND NOW FADING.
FOR I KNEW HIM WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER, THE THOUGHTS MORE
BILLIANT THE BODY STRONGER. WE CONVERSED ON MANY THINGS
AND I HAD THE PLEASURE OF DIGGING INTO THAT MIND,
AND LISTENING TO HIS WORDS SO GREAT,
WHILE WE SAT AND DRANK THAT VODKA STRAIGHT.
I USED TO GO TO MATCHES IN HOPES TO SEE HIM PLAY,
FOR IT WAS CHESS THAT MADE HIM POPULAR ANYWAY.
BUT I KNEW HIM OTHER TIMES, WHEN WE TALKED OF LIFE
AND DRANK GOOD WINES. NOW A TRIP TO HIS NURSING HOME
MAKES ME SAD AND I FEEL ALONE.
FOR PARTING AND GOODBYES NEVER ARE VERY EASY, AND SELDOM
DONE WITH GRACE,
BUT THEY ARE NEEDED FOR US TO GET TO A BETTER PLACE.
WHERE ONCE AGAIN HE'LL REIGN SUPREME AND BE THE KING
OF THAT NEW CHESS SCENE.
AND WHEN STROLLING THRU THAT GREAT CHESS HALL
SOMEONE WILL YELL!
HEY LOOK, ON BOARD ONE, IT'S OLD POPEL.

10. Q-c2? Bxe3...) 11. N-d5! (a very important piece... he attacks c7, defends e5, and threatens N-f6+!)..K-h2! ("a 'grandmasterly' kind of move"! It is important not to take one's opponent lightly...) 12. Q-d2 B-e8 13. Q-e2 Q-d8 (John has been stubborn but must defend c7 finally) 14. h4! (an attacking gesture aimed at a Black Knight going to g6...)..a4 15. b4 B-a7 (15...B-f8 is not that much better, it's just that 15...B-a7 is more obviously hopeless) 16. Q-c3 (and something must give, I have heard of such attacks being called 'canopeners'...)..f6 17. R-g1 N-e5 18. f4 N-f3 19. Rxg7! ("and you, Rook, will lead the final assult.."...maybe he was just mad about being molested by the Knight!)..Kxg7 20. Nxf6 K-h6 21. Nxe8 N-d4(!) 22. Rxd4 Bxd4 23. Qxd4 Q-e7 24. f5! (an 'unanswerable' sophistry...)resigns 1-0.

The One-step -- Two-step...
(or "Shades of Bird!") --M. Sprague

1. e3 e5 2. e4!?...The initial reaction of a lot of players is, "That's different...!" in this context meaning,("that's weird!"). Nevertheless chess goes on being enriched by such ideas...today's eccentric idea is tomorrow's good play. When I seen Norquest's 2. e4 I immediately thought of a famous 19th century chess player...one H. E. Bird, who, in his day was considered an eccentric visionary. He would often play something like(as white); 1.e4 e5 2. N-f3 N-c6 3. B-c4 N-f6 4.B-f1!? leaving his opponent wondering..."What does it mean?--Should I take the pawn?--What will happen if I do?--etc").

In any case a "double-step" with a pawn or a piece does come into consideration more often than might be immagined. For instance, in Alekhine's defense the second player is quite used to playing his KN to d5...ie 1. e4 N-f6 2. e5 N-d5...there is no law writ in stone that you have to. Thus in one 'training game' the second player ventured 1.e4 N-f6 2. e5 N-g8!?...(and doesn't White's advanced KP look lonely ?!). Oh yes, the two players were Boleslavski--Petrosian, training match 1966, and the game continued...3. d4 d5 4.N-f3 g6 5. N-c3 B-g7 6. B-c4 c6 7.h3 d5(again!) 8. B-b3 b6 9. 0-0 e6 10.R-e1 B-a6 11. N-e2 N-e7 12. N-f4 h6 13. c3 with equality... (you will notice that the position was kept closed and half a tempo didn't mean much, also with the White KP on e5 Boleslavski's position is 'less flexible')

Or in the Sicilian Defense...1.e4 c5 2. N-f3 e6 3. d3 N-c6 4. g3 g6 (so far-so normal...) 5. d4.... why ever play 3.d3 and then 5.d4...(I'm sure that one could assume that White is just some duffer who just changed his mind...) Actually the moves are the start of Vasukov-Tal, USSR Ch. 1974...and Vasukov's d3/d4 is, in the words of the annotator, "..double-step...a cunning device to give Black an extra move (either e6 or g6) which is of little benefit to (Tal) in view of his dark square weaknesses." ((Also Vas. waits to see what system Tal will play...)).

Of course the above is not ment to be an 'exaustive survey', just remember Bird's original contribution to the Ruy Lopez, 1. e4 e5 2. N-f3 N-c6 3. B-b5 N-d4!?

Something must be said about the A.D.—Alekhine's Defense. I play it 'cause , as Martz was wont to say, "You get such interesting positions...". Ergo, you either tend to "win nicely" or " go down with a gulp"! It is certainly not a Defense for the faint of heart (No half-measures or fooling around!).

Alekhine's Defense-Four Pawns Var.
White: Ron Schauer Black: M. Sprague (GAME "8")

1. e4 N-f6 (determined by color, since Ron is a KP fanatic and I rarely defend with anything else...) 2. e5 N-d5 3. c4(for some reason, AD players seem to prefer this to 3.d4...it does keep all options open)..N-b6 4. d4 d6 5. f4(the Four Pawns, despite its ferocious appearance, is positional rather than tactical...White hopes to choke Black with his pawns, and Black hopes to rip White's hyper-extended center apart. It makes for exciting de-man chess!)..dxe5 6. fxe5 N-c6 (a move favored by IM Martz...also played is 6...B-f5) 7. N-f3? (7.N-c3! then 7...B-f5 8. B-e3 e6. The text is a positional error in that it gives Black's QB "something to do"!)..B-g4 8. B-e3 Bxf3 (since it is usually to White's advantage to keep his KN instead of his KB, and Black is sometimes willing to move his KB from f5 to g4...I must have saved half a move 'somewhere'!) 9. gxf3 e6 10. c5!? (Sharp! on 10. N-c3 Q-h4 & 11...Q-f4. With his 9th and 10th Ron prevents this, but it does leave White lagging in development...)..N-d5 11. B-f2 a6?! (the 'normal' move here, recommended by Boleslavski, is 11...Q-d7. I decide to try my own plan...since the immediate 11...b6 fails to 12.B-b5 I 'prepare' it...) 12. N-e3 b6? (that's right, no consistency!) 13. Nxf5! Qxd3 14. B-d3! bxc5? (of course, Black, blissfully unawares, goes onward. White, having caught up on development can now use his two Bishops...) 15. dxc5 (?-...a move not explainable by ordinary chess logic as on 15. B-e4! Q-d7 16. Q-a4! resigns! 1-0. Ron, a descriptive notation user 'mistranslated' 14...bxc5 as 14...Bxc5, which, come to think about it, would be better... my 11th, 12th, and 14th are probably some of the most consistently poor moves in the worst and most idiotic plan...only gasoline and a match would be quicker!)..Qxc5

15...Qxc3+ (here, finally and horribly awake, I am still amazed as...16.B-e4! is still winning, ie...f5 17. B-f3+ (resigns)...) 16. Q-e2 Qxe2+ (hey, am I happy just to be alive...') 17.Kxe2 B-h6! 18. a3 Bxd3 19. Kxd3 O-O-O+(how many players can say they have castled Queen, with check yet?) 20. K-c3 B-e7 21. B-d4 R/h-g8 22. R/a-d1 R-d5 23. b4 R/g-g8 24. f4(we all fall into these little 2x4 traps...)..f6 25. R-d2 e5....0-1!.

???: For Davidson-Sprague,(Minot Massacre#2, Sept. 1984), which also featured the Four Pawns Var., see the Newsletter, Nov-Dec 1984.

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NORQUIST 2103 VS
JEFF BARTH 1967

1.	e4	Nc6
2.	Nf3	e5
3.	Nc3	d6
4.	Bc4	Be7
5.	d4	Nf6
6.	Bb5	Bd7
7.	d5	Nb8
8.	Bc4	0-0
9.	0-0	Bg4
10.	Bg5	Nbd7
11.	Bxf6	Nxf6
12.	Be2	Ne8
13.	Nd2	Bxe2
14.	Qxe2	f5
15.	exf5	Rxf5
16.	Qe4	Rf4
17.	Qe2	Qd7
18.	Nce4	Nf6

-- DRAW --

R. SCHMIDT VS JEFF BARTH

1.	e4	Nc6
2.	d4	d5
3.	e5	Bf5
4.	Ne2	e6
5.	Ng3	Bg6
6.	c3	a6
7.	Bd3	Qd7
8.	f4	0-0-0
9.	b4	Bxd3
10.	Qxd3	Na7
11.	a4	c6
12.	Na3	Kb8
13.	0-0	g6
14.	Bd2	h5
15.	Kfb1	b5
16.	axb5	axb5
17.	Kb2	Ne7
18.	Rba2	N7e8
19.	Ne2	Nb6
20.	Qc2	N7c8
21.	Nc1	Na4
22.	Nb3	N8b6
23.	Nc5	Bxc5
24.	bxc5	Nc4
25.	Nxc4	dxc4
26.	Rxa4	bxa4
27.	Kxa4	Qd5
28.	Qa2	Kc8
29.	Ra7	RESIGNS

FALK 2108 VS BRAD LUNDRSTOM 2050

1.	P-K4	P-QR4
2.	N-KB3	N-QB3
3.	P-Q4	PxP
4.	NxP	P-K4
5.	N-N5	N-KB3
6.	B-KN5	P-Q3
7.	P-QB4	B-K2
8.	BxN	PxB
9.	B-Q3	P-QR3
10.	N5-B3	N-Q5
11.	N-Q5	P-KB4
12.	N1-B3	B-K3
13.	PxP	NxP
14.	BxN	BxB
15.	NxB	QxN
16.	N05	Q-Q1
17.	Q-B3	B-K3
18.	0-0	BxN
19.	QxB	Q-K2
20.	R/B-K1	0-0
21.	QR-Q1	QR-Q1
22.	QR-Q3	K-R1
23.	R-KR3	P-KB3
24.	R-K4	R-B4
25.	R/4-R4	R-N2
26.	R-Q3	R-Q2
27.	R-R4	P-KR4
28.	R-K1	Q-B3
29.	R/1-Q1	R-N3
30.	P-B5	Q-N2
31.	R-KN3	Q-R3
32.	RxR	PxR
33.	PxP	Q-N2
34.	Q-K6	P-K5
35.	R-QB1	Q-B2
36.	QxQ+	RxQ
37.	R-B7	K-N1
38.	P-Q7	R-B1
39.	R-B8	RESIGNS

Knute Sorenson 2022 — Jeffrey Dahl 2050?

(N. D. Open XXIII, Fargo, 1987)

In the sixth and final round of the '87 North Dakota Open three players had four points: Jon Heimarck, Steve Turmo and myself. While Jon and Steve battled it out on board 1, I was paired down to Jeff Dahl who had 3½ on board 2. Jeff and I had met once before about three years earlier in St. Cloud. I could not remember what opening he used in that meeting, but as I recalled he was a tough opponent.

1. P-QB4 P-KN3
2. N-QB3 B-N2
3. P-Q4 P-Q3
4. P-K4 N-Q2

I was fairly sure he intended P-K4 as soon as he could, and I was intent on stopping it or at least weakening his kingside pawns in exchange for his playing P-K4.

5. B-N5 P-KB3!?

This move took me by surprise. Although it makes his black-squared bishop look like an overgrown pawn, it does allow him to play P-K4 on his next move.

6. B-R4 P-K4
7. P-Q5 N-B3
8. P-KB3 0-0
9. P-KN4 P-QR3
10. Q-Q2 N-B2
11. B-B2 B-R5
12. B-K3 BxB
13. QxB

This exchange gets rid of his bad bishop for my only good one.

13. . . . N-R4
14. P-QN4 N-Q2
15. P-KR4 P-QR4
16. P-QN5 N-B4
17. R-Q K-R
18. B-Q3 P-Q2
19. R-Q2 P-QN3
20. R-KN2 Q-K2
21. B-R2 R-KN
22. P-K5 B-B4
23. N-R3 P-B5
24. Q-N BxN
25. PxB P-N5
26. P-R5 N-Q2
27. N-Q N-B
28. B-B1 B-K3
29. BxB QxBP
30. Q-B2 N-K4
31. N-R5 N-B
32. Q-N

Here with 17 moves left to make in 12 minutes I offered him a draw, whereupon he immediately accepted it. I have gone over the final position several times looking for a win for white without success. How about you? Is there a win for white?

Notes by Knute Sorenson

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Richard Schmidt

1.	d4	c5	15.	Bg5	Rh4
2.	d5	Nf6	16.	Bg3	Qc7
3.	c4	Ne4	17.	Be5	Bxe5
4.	Qc2	QaS+	18.	Rxf8	Kxf8
5.	Nd2	Nd6	19.	Ce4	g6
6.	e4	g6	20.	Qh4	Kg8
7.	Bd3	Na6	21.	Nc5	h5
8.	a3	Bg7	22.	Nxf7	Bb7
9.	Ngf3	e6	23.	Nxe5 d+	Bxd5
10.	Rb1	0-0	24.	Nxg6	Kg7
11.	0-0	exd5	25.	Qg5	Qd8
12.	e5	dxc4	26.	Ne7 d+	Kf7
13.	Nxc4	Nxc4	27.	Rfe1	Be6
14.	Bxc4	b5	28.	Qg6+	Kxe7
			29.	Rxe6+	RESIGNS

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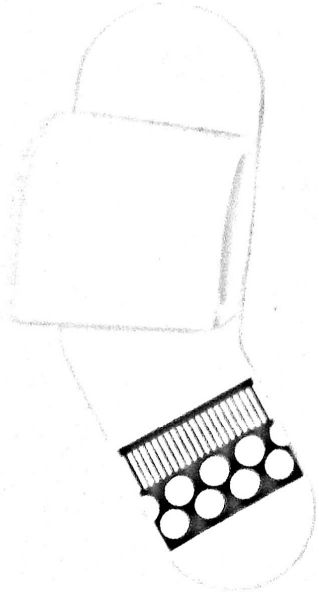

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